

Wheeling, WV (Cont'd)

Ebenezer Zane's stone house was much cracked; many persons left their houses; our kitchen chimney was cracked to such a degree, as to leave it in a tottering situation; one of col. Chapline's hearth stones was broken into five pieces. At nine P.M. a slight shock occurred. This day several persons were affected with giddiness in their heads and a nausea on their stomachs. At 11 P.M. another shock of about the third degree of violence was felt; children were awakened and ran into our chamber with their clothes in their hands, as they had done the morning preceding. Frequent slight shocks were felt during the night. Since then, undulating motions are felt generally, every night. Last night many motions, approaching to shocks, were felt by many. From the vast many throes that are daily and nightly happening, it would appear, that they proceed from volcanic ebullitions, deeply seated in the bowls of the earth, and that should they burst forth, vent would be given to a vast body of fluid matter, which would cause those ebullitions to subside.